

FREMONT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
WINN COMMUNITY BUILDING  
February 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the supervisor, Gerad Himebaugh at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Office  
Members present: Schimmelmman, Himbaugh, Barrett, Van Bonn, Curtiss

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Change to agenda.** Motion by Curtiss and supported by Himebaugh to add one item to agenda. Motion passed.

Presentation by Katlyn Lovely from Mid Michigan Comm College for township to use MMCC for help and services, and that a millage for support may be forth coming.

**Motion** by Curtiss and supported by Barrett to accept the minutes of January 23, 2017. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's report.** Motion by Schimmelmman and supported by Curtiss to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion passed.**

General Fund Balance	83,298.07
Investment Account	87,256.68
Fire Department	74,859.39
First Response	51,100.67
Planning & Zoning	1,244.03

**Motion** by Curtiss and seconded by VanBonn to pay bills. Motion Passed.

General Fund	Check#9356-9376+OnLine Pmts	\$31,118.90
Fire Fund	Check#4897-4911+OnLine Pmts	\$9,696.95
First Response	Check#1065-1067+OnLine Pmts	\$4,992.70
P&Z	Check#758	\$200.00

**Reports.**

**Fire Chief:** Several fire runs..

**First Response:** 17 runs. Rescue vehicle is back in use

**Planning & Zoning:** Quiet

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. **Motion** by Schimmelmman and supported by Curtiss to approve resolution regarding *Proverty Tax Exemption* **Motion passed. Resolution attached to minutes.**
2. **Motion** by Schimmelmman and supported by Curtiss to approve resolution regarding *Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Late Filed Property Transfer Affidavit.* **Motion passed. Resolution attached to minutes.**
3. **Motion** by Schimmelmman and supported by Curtiss to appoint Gary Smith to the Planning and Zoning Board. **Motion passed.**
4. **Motion** by Schimmelmman and supported by Curtiss to accept the Brine bid from the Isabella County Road Commission for \$26,803.37. **Motion passed.**
5. Permission granted to Fire and Rescue to expand the storage room in the pavilion and at their discretion remove or reuse any equipment already stored.
6. **Motion** by Barrett and supported by Curtiss to allow (permit) the Knights of Columbus to fund raise on the roadway corners in Winn on March 23, 24, 2018. **Motion passed.**
7. 2018-2019 Budget worksheets presented for General Fund, Fire, Rescue, and Planning and zoning. Final budget to be voted upon at March 2018 regular meeting.
8. **Motion** by Curtiss and supported by VanBonn to adjust board and assessor wages. **Motion passed. See attachment.**

**Public Comment**

Sheriff Main addressed the board regarding the Isabella County Sheriff's services to Fremont Township.

Jerry Jaloszynski addressed the board regarding destroying unused to expired drugs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Schimmelmman

**2018 POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR PROPERTY TAX  
POVERTY EXEMPTIONS FREMONT TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01**

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from property taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7a); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u), the Township of Fremont, Isabella County, adopts the following guidelines for the Assessor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year; and

**WHEREAS**, changes to these guidelines may be made by the Township of Fremont.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that to be eligible for such poverty exemptions in whole or in part, more clearly described as property tax reductions **in** the Township of Fremont, the Assessor and Board of Review shall follow the below stated guidelines and Federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and Federal guidelines and those are communicated in writing to the claimant.

A property owner shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy a principal residence on the property for which a Poverty Exemption is requested.
  - a. Must produce a driver's license or other acceptable methods of identification.
  - b. Must produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership if Assessor requests it.
2. Applicants will not be eligible for consideration if they do not meet the Federal and Township Poverty Guidelines.
3. Per MCL 22.7u(2b) **All** persons residing in the homestead must submit last year's copies of the following: Federal Income Tax Return – 1040 or 1040A, State Income Tax Return – MI-1040, Homestead Property Tax Claim – MI-1040CR. Documentation for all income sources including, but not limited to, credits, claims, Social Security income, child support, alimony income, bridge cards, cash advances from credit cards, and all

other income sources must be provided at time of application. If applicant(s) is not required to file a Federal or State Income Tax return, they must complete and file an Income Tax Exemption Affidavit (PA 135 of 2012).

4. An explanation will be required for all household members over 18 years of age who are not cited as contributing to the household income.
5. All applicants **MUST** submit a copy of a Valid Driver's License or other photographic identification as allowed by statute.
6. Applicants will produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, **ONLY** if not already on file with the Township Assessor's office.
7. To be eligible for exemption the applicant(s) must meet **ALL** of the following income and asset standards:
  - a. A 100% exemption may be granted if household income is equal to or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or a 50% exemption may be granted if household income is more than the Federal Guidelines and equal to or less than the Township Poverty Guidelines.
  - b. The applicants' state equalized value cannot be more than the average property state equalized value of all of the residential properties in the township, for prior year calculated annually. The 2017 average SEV for residential properties was \$47,275.
  - c. Maximum Limit on total worth of all assets, **excluding** the 'net asset value' of the homestead property, cannot be more than 2 times the federal poverty income level.
  - d. May **NOT** own or have interest in property other than the homestead for which the poverty exemption is applied for ("homestead" includes adjacent parcels granted an "adjacent" Principal Residence Exemption).
8. Submit the above, fully completed application for an annual exemption, including a witnessed signature and all of the required income and income tax forms, after January 1 of the tax year in question, **but no later than one day** prior to, the last day of the March, July or December Board of Review, to enable assessing staff to verify applications for completion and eligibility.

## POVERTY EXEMPTION - ANNUAL INCOME QUALIFICATIONS

Each year exemption limits for annual income shall be revised based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published annually by the Michigan State Tax Commission

Size of Family Unit	2018 Federal Guidelines	2018 Fremont Township Guidelines
1	\$12,060	\$13,869
2	\$16,240	\$18,676
3	\$20,420	\$23,483
4	\$24,600	\$28,290
5	\$28,780	\$33,097
6	\$32,960	\$37,904
7	\$37,140	\$42,711
8	\$41,320	\$47,518

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

Revised for the 2018 Assessment and Tax year on February 27, 2018.

By the Fremont Township Board.

The following resolution was offered by Gerad Himebaugh, Supervisor, and supported by Gary Curtiss, Trustee.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Trustee Curtiss, Supervisor Himebaugh, Clerk Schimmelmann, Treasurer VanBonn, Trustee Barrett

“Nay”: None

DULY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

Signed: Gerad Himebaugh

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Gerad Himebaugh, Township Supervisor

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Fremont Township, Isabella County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 27, 2018.

Signed: John Schimmelmann

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John Schimmelmann, Township Clerk

**FREMONT TOWNSHIP 2018**  
**RESOLUTION FOR WAIVER OF PENALTY AND INTEREST**  
**FOR LATE FILED PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVIT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02**

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan State Tax Commission has published in the most recent guidelines for the next AMAR (Assessing Minimal Audit Requirements) audit cycle that includes a review of the compliance of charging a fee for interest and penalty under 211.27b for not timely filing form 2766, or the adoption of a resolution to the contrary; and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 211.27b requires a penalty to be assessed to the buyers of properties if a Property Transfer Affidavit is not filed within 45 days of any transfer of ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 211.27b(ac)(ad) defines the penalties by state statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the AMAR audit provides for a resolution to waive penalties as deemed necessary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to PA206 of 1893, the Township of Fremont, Isabella County authorizes the supervisor or their designee to waive the collection of penalty and interest for untimely filed property transfer affidavits.

By Bradley Beach, Fremont Township Assessor.

The following resolution was offered by John Schimmelmänn, Clerk, and supported by Gary Curtiss, Trustee.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Trustee Barrett, Trustee Curtiss, Supervisor Himebaugh, Clerk Schimmelmänn, Treasurer VanBonn

“Nay”: None

DULY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

Signed: Gerad Himebaugh

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Gerad Himebaugh, Township Supervisor

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Signed: John Schimmelmänn

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John Schimmelmänn, Township Clerk

Wage and changes for beginning fiscal year 2018-2019

Supervisor: Base Wage \$9000.00

Treasurer: Base Wage \$9000.00

Clerk: To be paid in addition to current base salary \$25.00 for cemetery lot sale, and \$25.00 for each internment.

Trustees: Meeting fee \$45.00

Assessor Wage: \$12,000.00

Volunteer fire runs: \$22.00 per run, and \$27.00 per run for officers.